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SENATOR ALLARD ASKS FEMA TO STAND READY TO HELP COLORADO DEAL WITH FLOODING

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Tuesday asked the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare to help Colorado communities who are experiencing flooding as a result of heavy spring runoff.

In a letter to Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness Michael Brown, Senator Allard cited melting snow packs in certain Colorado mountain areas that are more than 340 percent higher than last year, resulting in near-record levels of runoff.

“Recent history has shown how devastating spring flooding can be in Colorado,” Senator Allard said. “The thawing of these very deep snow packs is causing flooding in some Colorado communities already.”

“I am asking Undersecretary Brown to ensure that FEMA is ready to provide any possible assistance that our Colorado communities might need as quickly as possible,” Senator Allard said. “FEMA has the organization, manpower and the resources that can be swiftly brought to bear in these kinds of situations, and make all the difference.”

“Specifically, I have asked FEMA to be prepared to move should an official disaster be declared,” Senator Allard said. “I look forward to hearing from the Under Secretary.”

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